IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Examiner: Jean-Louis Samira

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APPLICATION NO: 10/574,745

FILED: April 6, 2006

FOR: COMBINATIONS OF AN ALDOSTERONE RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST, A DIURETIC AND AN ANGIOTENSION BLOCKER

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 30, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 30, 2008. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1640 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted.

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